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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 69 and 76-82, and amend the claims as follows:

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1-53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a coformulation of an active substance and an oligomeric or polymeric material comprising simultaneously dispersing and extracting a fluid vehicle from a solution or suspension of a target substance upon contact with a near-critical or supercritical fluid anti-solvent to induce particle formation, wherein the target substance comprises the active substance and the oligomeric or polymeric material, and under the operating conditions used, the active substance is soluble in the anti-solvent and the oligomeric or polymeric material is not soluble in the anti-solvent.

55. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 54, wherein the anti-solvent comprises a supercritical fluid.

56. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 55, wherein the anti-solvent is supercritical carbon dioxide.

57. (Previously Presented) The method according to any one of claims 54 to 56, wherein the active substance is ketoprofen.

58. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 54, wherein the oligomeric or polymeric material is selected from the group consisting of cellulosic materials, polyvinyl alcohols, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinyl acetates, carboxy vinyl copolymers, ~~poly-lactic~~ polylactic acids, polyglycolic acids, derivatives thereof, copolymers thereof, and mixtures thereof.

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